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IN HONOR OF COMMANDER ROB SELKO, UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Rob Selko for his service to our great nation.

For much of his life, Commander Selko proudly, faithfully and honorably served this country. Born and raised near Philadelphia, Commander Selko attended The Pennsylvania State University on the Navy Reserve Officer Training, NROTC, scholarship. After graduating with a degree in Chemical Engineering Commander Selko was commissioned as an Ensign and ordered to NAS Pensacola to commence training as a Naval Flight Officer, NFO.

Following his NFO training he was ordered to VF-101 for Fleet F-14A Tomcat Radar Intercept Officer training at NAS Oceana. Commander Selko was then assigned to VF-33 where he completed a North Atlantic and a Mediterranean Sea deployment on board USS *America* (CV-66), amassing over 750 hours and 200 arrested landings in the F-14A Tomcat.

In 1994, Commander Selko joined the Navy Reserve and was re-designated as an Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer. In February 2006, he was assigned to NAS Lakehurst, New Jersey as Officer in Charge and tasked with leading the Navy's first unit involved in airships in over forty years. His unit deployed to NAS Key West, FL for joint operations with the U.S. Coast Guard, marking the first airship operations involving the U.S. Navy since 1962. Unfortunately, late in 2010, Commander Selko was diagnosed with leukemia. He spent most of 2011 in treatment and recovering from his illness.

Commander Selko currently resides at 5 Glen Burnie Court, Sicklerville, New Jersey and after 28 years of faithful and honorable service will be retiring on June 23, 2012. He is married to Christine Selko of Pennsauken, and they have raised four children together in New Jersey.

It is important that we take the time on this day to remember and reflect on Commander Selko's deep commitment to inspiring and touching the lives of those around him in his service to this country. May he be remembered as such, and may we continue to carry on his legacy in our hearts as we walk through life.

CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HILLEL HONOREES STANLEY AND PEARL GOODMAN

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Stanley Goodman and Mrs. Pearl

Goodman for their years of exemplary service to the South Florida Jewish community. Their accomplishments are truly a cause for celebration, and it is a privilege to represent them in the United States Congress.

Since becoming members of the South Florida community in 1961, The Goodmans have been tireless advocates for Israel, and have joined countless organizations like The Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach to promote the welfare of Jewish people across the globe. During their 58 years of marriage, the couple has instituted mentoring programs, as well as networks through universities in Broward and Palm Beach that allow young students to engage with the larger Jewish community. In addition, Both Dr. and Mrs. Goodman have served on the Board of the Jewish Family Services of Broward County and are actively involved in the award-winning David Posnak Jewish Day School where Dr. Goodman is an Honorary Vice-President.

But the Goodman family's service extends beyond the scope of creating a more inclusive, informed Jewish community, and includes a commitment to fostering artistic enrichment in South Florida. Dr. Goodman has served as Secretary for the Executive Committee at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Foundation, and Mrs. Goodman is an avid supporter of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Foundation.

The South Florida Jewish community has undoubtedly been strengthened by the Goodmans exceptional work. They are truly a source of inspiration for all those who have dedicated themselves to promoting Jewish causes, and I look forward to their continued good work.

Congratulations to Stanley and Pearl Goodman, and well as their children and grandchildren, as they celebrate this well deserved honor.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER L. BROWN

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. Speaker, while we can never fully express the depth of our appreciation for those who give their lives to protect our freedoms, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to recognize and honor the life of Army SSG Christopher L. Brown.

A 2003 Hamilton Township High School graduate and Army Service member, Staff Sergeant Brown, 26, was killed in an attack with an improvised explosive device on April 3, 2012 in Kunar Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He showed exceptional courage and bravery, and gave his life while defending the United States.

Staff Sergeant Brown was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. He was on his second deployment to Afghanistan and had also served nearly a year in Iraq.

He served with distinction and his awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and an Army Commendation Medal.

Brown is survived by his wife, Ariell, their daughters Charlie and Dylan, their unborn child, as well as his parents and three sisters. His devotion to his family, friends, and fellow Service members and to this nation is honorable. As a dedicated and loyal patriot, he selflessly served this country with bravery and valor.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of the Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in honoring the life and memory of SSG Christopher L. Brown, a true hero.

RECOGNIZING LAURA PINK AS THE 2012 HURLBURT AFA CHAPTER 398 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Laura Pink, the 2012 Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Pink has spent her entire career "paying it forward" to her students, their parents, and her colleagues. Her dedication to helping educate others started long before she stepped into the classroom as a teacher. As a junior in high school, Ms. Pink began teaching as a reading tutor. She went on to earn a double major in Elementary and Special Education in college and received an endorsement in Gifted Education for all grades. Ms. Pink attributes her success as an educator to her own teachers, who instilled in her the self-confidence for success and a passion for scholarship. She has forever impacted the lives of her students, and she is truly deserving of this honor.

In the classroom, Ms. Pink uses the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and math to challenge and empower her students. Outside of the classroom, she is involved with the Air Force Association, Hurlburt Chapter's Teacher Workshop, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Civil Air Patrol, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Ms. Pink has been able to combine her classroom activities with her extracurricular activities so that she can better serve her students and secure grants for hands-on classroom experiments. Additionally, Ms. Pink has been able to introduce the Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Connections in Education program at her school, which uses aviation to foster her students' interest in science and math.

The importance of teachers such as Ms. Pink is unquantifiable, and I commend her dedication to our nation's future. To be selected as Teacher of the Year is a reflection of Ms. Pink's exemplary work ethic and steadfast dedication to the students of Northwest Florida.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Ms. Laura Pink for her great achievements and laudable service. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing her all of the best.